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# **Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) Chapter 1607**

## 1. What is it?

Chapter 1607 is an educational program for active members of the Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve who served on active duty after 11 September 2001 in support of a contingency operation or a national emergency declared by the President or Congress (Reference: Title 10 USC Chapter 1607; DoDI 1322.30).

#### > IMPORTANT!

**REAP ended (Sunset) for new enrollees on 25 November 2015** and payments will end on 25 November 2019. If you are eligible for REAP, or if you lost eligibility due to the sunset rules, you may be able to convert to the Post-9/11 GI Bill<sup>®</sup>.

## 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Only service members who were receiving REAP benefits on or during the term immediately preceding 24 November 2015 remain eligible for REAP.
- Soldiers who remain eligible for REAP have until 25 November 2019 to use their benefits.

### 3. What Do I Get?

A monthly payment paid directly to the Soldier based on the amount of consecutive active duty time served:

Consecutive Service on or after 11 Sep 2001	Payment Tier
At least 24 consecutive or 36 cumulative months	80%
At least 12 months but less than 24 months	60%
At least 90 days but less than 12 months	40%

- Maximum monthly payment based on full-time enrollment (Effective October 1, 2018):
  - 80% tier = \$1,595.20
  - $\circ$  60% tier = \$1,196.40
  - 40% tier = \$ 797.60

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- > Payments are limited by several factors, including:
  - Payment Tier
  - Rate of pursuit (if you are going to school full time, half time, etc.)
  - Active Duty or Drilling Status
- The Buy Up program:
  - You may contribute up to \$600 while actively serving. The contribution will increase your monthly benefit up to \$150 per month.

#### > Important!

Chapter 1607 CANNOT be combined with Federal Tuition Assistance for the same course but may be combined with State Tuition Assistance based on State law/rules.

# 4. How Do I Apply?

- > IF YOU ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS:
  - Notify the VA Certifying Official at your school each term so they can certify your enrollment.
  - Continue to verify your enrollment each month online at: <u>www.gibill.va.gov/wave</u>
- ▶ IF YOU WISH TO CONVERT TO THE POST-9/11 GI BILL:
  - o Contact the VA at 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551)
- To enroll in the optional Buy-Up program contact the GI Bill Support Team via email at: arng.esc.ch1607@mail.mil

### For More Information:

- > Visit the VA Web Site: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill
- Visit us On-Line: <u>www.nationalguard.com/education</u>
- Contact your State Education Office:
  - Available at **www.nationalguard.com/contacts/eso**

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